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Via ECF

Judge Mary Jo Heston  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
1717 Pacific Avenue  
Courtroom H  
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: *UST v. Thomas McAvity and Northwest Debt Relief Law Firm*, Misc. P. No. 20-00400

Dear Judge Heston:

The United States Trustee and Mr. McAvity have reached a settlement in principle. We are currently drafting the terms of the agreement, and do not expect to go to trial, which is currently scheduled before you on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Once we have agreement on the language of the settlement, the stipulation and proposed order will be uploaded to the Court for consideration.

Therefore, we request that the current trial date be stricken, with the option of requesting a new date should the settlement fall apart for any reason.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

GREGORY M. GARVIN  
Acting United States Trustee for Region 18

/s/ Matthew J. P. Johnson

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